

Huddleston PTO August 2026 Meeting Notes

Date: August 14, 2026, Time: 8:00am

I. Call to order and welcomed by Natasha Greenstein at 8:05am. The 2026-2027 PTO Executive Board was introduced: President: Natasha Greenstein, Vice President: Danny Palma, Treasurer: Sabrina Miller, Secretary: Devan Klucas. Danny and Devan are serving their final year on the board, so we will soon begin looking for volunteers interested in shadowing these roles in preparation for next year's leadership transition.

II. Treasurer's Update: Treasurer Sabrina Miller presented the proposed 2026/2027 budget for approval.

a. Budget Approved: Josh Noland made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2026/2027 budget. Carly Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the budget was approved.

III. 1st week of school: Had great turn out at Meet the Teacher, Boo Hoo/Yahoo breakfast. Loved meeting new and returning families.

IV. Spirit Wear: Orders are due August 14th. Will hopefully have them beginning of September, within the first or second week. There is an online link to order from. Only ordering minimum extras.

V. Website: PTO website, heshoundspto.com here is where you will find all things PTO. We will utilize sign up genius and parent square for other forms of communication.

VI. Committees/Volunteers:

a. We have an exciting year ahead with many opportunities to get involved.

We are currently seeking a Spirit Nights Chair to coordinate and manage these events. Additional volunteer opportunities include Ice Cream Sales, Hospitality, school events, the Media Center, Book Fair, and more. Please check ParentSquare and the school website for updates and sign-up opportunities. Be sure to complete the required Volunteer Training/Waiver, which is needed for volunteering, field trips, and other school activities.

b. Thank you to our current PTO Committee Chairs:

RaiseRight: Stephanie Westfall (serving her final year and seeking a successor), Ice Cream Sales: Jessica Polish, Box Tops: Jessica Smith, Landscaping: Jessica Kopec, Hospitality: Carly Ellis & Jaqueline Delapaz, Bulletin Board: April Starrett & Eleanor Simonsen, Bingo: April Starrett & Devan Klucas (serving their final year and seeking a successor)

VII. Sponsorship Committee: Danny is looking for a co-chair to help lead the Sponsorship Committee and is happy to provide more details about the role. The sponsorship program is structured as a business partner program, where local businesses support the school in exchange for recognition through signage, marketing materials, and other advertising opportunities. Danny is serving his final year in this role, so anyone interested is encouraged to reach out. We are excited to welcome Brain Balance as our first Gold Sponsor of the school year.

VIII. Boosterthon: Is our biggest fundraiser of the year and plays a critical role in funding school initiatives and programs for our students. We encourage all families to participate and help us exceed our fundraising goal. Key Dates: Registration Opens: September 16, Kickoff: October 1, Booster Week: October 5-9, Run Day: October 9. Student-led conferences will take place during Booster Week. Families will have the opportunity to make donations by cash or check during conferences, allowing more of the donation to go directly to the school by avoiding online and credit card processing fees.

IX. Upcoming Events & Save the Dates: Book Fair: September 14-18, Volunteer sign-ups will be sent out soon. A Family Night is also being planned, with details to be announced. Cart or Treat & Movie Night: October 23. Information will be shared soon, giving families plenty of time to prepare for the cart decorating contest. The event will include trick-or-treating and a movie in the gym. Feeder School Night at McIntosh: August 28. Discounted football tickets are available when purchased in advance. All feeder schools will have information tables at the event. Students will have the opportunity to walk the field with Mr. Noland. Tickets purchased at the gate will not receive the discount. Helping Hounds: a great family volunteer opportunity, with approximately 100 families participating last year. Sign-up information will be distributed closer to the event date.

X. Upcoming Spirit Night Chick-fil-A Spirit Night: August 20, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Line Creek location. Be sure to mention Huddleston Elementary at checkout so the school receives credit for your purchase. If ordering through the Chick-fil-A app, select the available option supporting Huddleston Elementary to ensure the proceeds are applied to our fundraiser. A portion of sales will be donated back to the school. September 9th- Super Chix 5-8pm.

XI. Next PTO Meeting: September 11th 8:00am with guest speaker Mr. Tatum.

XII. Other Business: Jeni's Ice Cream provided samples today. We are excited to partner with Jeni's throughout the school year. They will host upcoming Spirit Nights and will also be providing special treats for our teachers during the year as part of their support of Huddleston Elementary. We look forward to a great partnership and appreciate their support of our school community.

XIII. Principal's Update: Mr. Noland- Principal

- a. Introduced Zoe, the principal's new secretary/bookkeeper. Beth Yeager will be retiring.
- b. Fundraising & Volunteer Opportunities: Huddleston Action Teams: meet this week and are looking for volunteers to support community partnerships. Contact Josh Noland if interested. RaiseRight: Purchase gift cards online while earning funds for school. Box Tops: Families are encouraged to use the app to scan receipts and support the school. Spirit Nights: continue to be a fun way to support local community partnerships. Boosterthon: remains a major fundraiser, with approximately 80% of proceeds benefiting the school and students. Community Sponsorships: represent a significant untapped opportunity. Business leads can be shared with Danny.
- c. Campus Beautification: Mr. Noland will be leading a landscaping project at the school entrance tomorrow morning. Parent volunteers and yard tools are needed.
- d. School Council Updates: The Leader in Me grant has ended after three years. PTO has reserved funds to continue the program, with the annual cost of approximately \$5,000 funded through Boosterthon.
- e. Literacy remains a key focus area, with support from both the School Council and Action Teams.
- f. The school's mission statement and purpose have been completely revised and will be updated on the school website.
- g. Student Success & Leadership: Families are encouraged to have students arrive by 7:40 a.m. HES Block Time focuses on leadership development, goal setting, and student support. The school's goal is to prepare students for success at Booth Middle School, McIntosh High School, and beyond. Students are learning how to set goals, monitor progress, adjust when needed, and develop habits that lead to success.
- h. Upcoming Events: Student-Led Conferences will provide parents with an opportunity to visit classrooms and hear directly from students about their progress. Leader Assemblies will be held more frequently and will now include parent participation. Goal Getter Celebrations will recognize students who successfully set, monitor, and work toward achieving their goals, with an emphasis on building positive habits and leadership skills.

XIV. Meeting Adjourned: 8:53am.

Attendees: Andrea Brunson, Avery Miller, Daniel Klucas, Juliano Verao, Walter Pinochet, Meredith Mazzillo, Kevan Remick, Erin Faber, Julie Ulbrich, Maelle Soudais, Sebastian Soudais, Natalie Smith, Carly Ellis, Cizon Copeland, Patricia Graham, Jessica Polish, Stephanie Westfall, Eleanor Simonsen, Jaqueline Delapaz, Hillary Johnson, Abbey Straker, Nicole Bello, April Starrett, Amanda Siuda, Jessica Kopec, Josh Nolan, Beth Yeager, Kim Baxter, Zoe Singleton, Devan Klucas, Sabrina Miller, Natasha Greenstein, Danny Palma